

SEC. . INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), none of the funds made available by this Act or any other Act for any fiscal year may be used to carry out section 203(h) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1622(h)) unless the Secretary of Agriculture inspects and certifies agricultural processing equipment, and imposes a fee for the inspection and certification, in a manner that is similar to the inspection and certification of agricultural products under that section, as determined by the Secretary.

(b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAW.—Subsection (a) shall not affect the authority of the Secretary to carry out the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.).

DEWINE AMENDMENT NO. 976

Mr. COCHRAN (for Mr. DEWINE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1033, *supra*; as follows:

On page 53, line 3, before the period, insert the following: "Provide further, That, of the amount of funds made available under title II of said Act, the United States Agency for International Development should use at least the same amount of funds to carry out the orphan feeding program in Haiti during fiscal year 1998 as was used by the Agency to carry out the program during fiscal year 1997".

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 9 a.m. in SR-328A to consider the nominations of Dr. Catherine E. Woteki, of the District of Columbia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food Safety; Ms. Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services and a member of the Commodity Credit Corporation; Mr. August Schumacher, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agriculture Services; Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez, of New Mexico, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Research, Education, and Economics.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, to conduct a hearing on the oversight on the monetary policy report to Congress pursuant to the Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act of 1978.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 9:30 A.M. on pending committee business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, for purposes of conducting a full committee business meeting which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this business meeting is to consider pending nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objections, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be granted permission to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, for purposes of conducting a full committee hearing which is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing is to broadly examine three aspects of natural gas issues into the next century. Specifically, the committee will look at world energy supply and demand to 2015, what percentage of that will be filled by natural gas, and how this could be impacted by other large scale energy projects, such as nuclear, that are being developed in Asia. Second, the committee will examine the role of Government in large scale gas projects in foreign countries, what type of assistance the U.S. companies competing for overseas projects receive from the U.S. Government, and what can be done in the United States to make American gas more globally competitive. The third aspect for consideration will be the emerging gas field development technologies that are making natural gas more economical to market.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent on behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee special investigation to meet on Wednesday, July 23, at 10 a.m. for a hearing on campaign financing issues.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building to hold a hearing on: The proposed reauthorization of the Office of National Drug Control Policy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to hold an executive business meeting during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 2 p.m. in room 226 of the Senate Dirksen Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Labor and Human Resources be authorized to meet in executive session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, July 23, 1997, at 9:30 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

STAMP OUT BREAST CANCER

• Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, As chairman of the Governmental Affairs Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services, which has jurisdiction over postal matters, I would like to comment on Representative MOLINARI's Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act, H.R. 1585, passed by the House on July 22, 1997. This bill is similar to the Feinstein amendment included as part of the Senate's fiscal year 1998 Treasury/Postal appropriations bill, S. 1023, in that it would raise money for breast cancer research through a new, specially designed postage stamp—generally referred to as a semipostal—which would be purchased on a voluntary basis and as an alternative to regular first-class postage.

H.R. 1585 differs from the Feinstein amendment in three respects. The rate of this semipostal would be determined in part, by the Postal Service to cover administrative costs and the remainder by the governors of the Postal Service to direct research. The total cost would not exceed the current cost plus 25 percent. In addition, following the 2-year period beginning on the date which the stamp would be publicly available, the General Accounting Office would report to Congress with an evaluation of the effectiveness and appropriateness of this method of fundraising and a description of the resources required to carry out this bill. Finally, the Postal Service would have the authority to decide when the stamp would be available to the public and would have up until 12 months after the date of enactment to make it available.

Though this is a well-intentioned bill, and breast cancer research is a highly worthwhile cause, the idea of using the Postal Service as a fundraising organization for social issues is just plain wrong. If we start here, where do we stop? The list of diseases is endless. Requiring the Postal Service